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REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-14, 19-24, 36, 38, 41-44, 49, 50, 53-55, and 59-66 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has canceled Claims 11-14 without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 19-24, 36, 38, 41-44, 49, 50, 53-55, and 59-66 are presented herein for examination.

Allowed Claims

Per page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 19-24, 36, 38, 41-44, 49, 50, 53-55, and 59-66 stand allowed.

Objected-to Claims

Per Page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner notes that Claims 11-14 depend either directly or indirectly from cancelled Claim 7.

Accordingly, Applicant by this paper has cancelled Claims 11-14 without prejudice, thereby rendering these objections moot.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the claims now pending in this application (Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 19-24, 36, 38, 41-44, 49, 50, 53-55, and 59-66) define patentable subject matter, and are in condition for allowance.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this application be passed to allowance at the earliest opportunity.

Other Remarks

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant notes that any claim cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for

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purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.

5 Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to a given claim or claims are limited solely to such claim or claims.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that may be resolved over the telephone, he/she is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

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Respectfully submitted,

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